



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------	------------------

10/693,555

10/24/2003

Jerome S. Veith

659-1148

3611

757 7590 02/26/2009  
BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, IL 60610

EXAMINER

HAND, MELANIE JO

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

3761

MAIL DATE

DELIVERY MODE

02/26/2009

PAPER

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**

Address : COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
10693555	10/24/2003	VEITH, JEROME S.	659-1148

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, IL 60610

**EXAMINER**

MELANIE J. HAND

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

3761	20090224
------	----------

DATE MAILED:

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

**Commissioner for Patents**

1. The reply brief filed February 9, 2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. The arguments presented in the reply brief are merely a restatement of arguments presented and addressed in the Examiner's Answer mailed December 10, 2008, thus no new or persuasive arguments are presented which require a supplemental action by the examiner.

/Melanie J Hand/  
Examiner, Art Unit 3761